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SUBJ: GLENN VISIT: TELEMETRY DISCUSSIONS

1. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH SEMENOV MONDAY EVENING AND SHCHUKIN-BELETSKY IN TUESDAY POST-PLenary, SENATOR GLENN LAID HEAVY STRESS ON NTM AND, IN THAT CONTEXT, ON TELEMETRY. HE MADE CLEAR TO SOVIETS HIS VIEW THAT VERIFICATION WAS KEY TO SALT AND IMPLIED THAT OUR DEPENDENCE ON TELEMETRY FOR VERIFICATION WAS HIGH. REFERRING TO HIS OWN EXPERIENCE AS AN ASTRONAUT, HE CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF TELEMETRY FOR MONITORING GYRO PERFORMANCE, GIMBALLING OF ENGINES, FUEL CONSUMPTION, FUEL CAPACITY AND "HUNDREDS OF OTHER PARAMETERS."

2. GLENN AND SHCHUKIN DISCUSSED CODING OF TELEMETRY LARGELY IN CONTEXT OF COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, BUT AT ONE POINT GLENN ASKED WHETHER DELIBERATE "CODING" TO PREVENT OTHER SIDE FROM RECEIVING TELEMETRY WAS ILLEGAL UNDER NTM PROVISIONS. SHCHUKIN REPLIED THAT IT WAS LEGAL AND SOLEY THE INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE TESTING SIDE. SHCHUKIN DID ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WHETHER A SIDE CHOSE TO READ OTHER SIDE'S TELEMETRY WAS ITS OWN AFFAIR. ON-BOARD RECORDING OF TELEMETRY WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, WITH GLENN WONDERING WHETHER OBSERVING SIDE MIGHT SOMEHOW INTERCEPT OR ACQUIRE TESTING SIDE'S DATA CAPSULE.

3. IN SUM, GLENN CONVEYED TO SOVIETS HIS VIEW THAT THE US IS

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HIGHLY DEPENDENT UPON TELEMETRY AND WORRIED ABOUT ITS DENIAL, INCLUDING BY ENCRYPTION. GLENN DISCOURSED ON THIS SUBJECT WITH SOVIETS DESPITE EXPLICIT WARNINGS FROM DELEGATION BEFORE EACH MEETING THAT SUBJECT SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

4. WE ARE REPORTING THESE PORTIONS OF GLENN CONVERSATIONS IN NODIS CHANNEL TO ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY THAT RECIPIENTS OF REGULAR

MEMCONS WOULD BELIEVE THAT GLENN'S STATEMENTS FREE THEM OF
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